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FCC COMMISSIONER COPPS GIVES GRADE OF "F" TO COMMISSION FOR FAILURE TO TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST INDECENCY

Washington, DC – Commissioner Michael J. Copps today responded to the demands of a broad coalition of organizations seeking stronger Commission enforcement of the indecency statutes. In the attached letter to L. Brent Bozell III of the Parents Television Council, Copps lauded the efforts of the coalition and stated that the "FCC has earned a grade of 'F' for the job it has failed to do in enforcing the statutes that exist to curb indecency." Copps reiterated his call for Commission vigilance to address the rising tide of indecency on the public's airwaves.